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MONTHLY BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS STATISTICS.NO. 30 : AUGUST, 1948.I. GENERAL.

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S.R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of August, 1948 and the two months ended August, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefits to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven day's duration is not covered, owing to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this covered by the Invalid Section of the Social Services Consolidation Act, 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - See Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Section 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the later months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each state during August, 1948 and the two months ended August, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. : AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948.STATES.

State	Benefits paid during August, 1948.				Benefits paid during two months ended August, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	2,088	32,629	1,747	36,464	4,778	61,250	4,433	70,461
Victoria	473	21,122	4,029	25,624	853	34,835	6,615	42,303
Queensland	3,595	10,401	676	14,672	11,129	18,783	1,382	31,294
S. Aust.(b)	29	6,589	325	6,943	190	14,458	657	15,305
W. Australia	1,406	6,319	497	8,222	3,201	11,759	835	15,795
Tasmania	707	3,958	214	4,879	959	8,007	578	9,544
<u>TOTAL</u>	8,298	81,018	7,488	96,804	21,110	149,092	14,500	184,702

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows, for the years 1945-46 to 1947-48, and for the months August, 1947 to August, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - AUSTRALIA.

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons

CLAIMS ADMITTED.

Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947-48	27,275	1,387	53,947	15,539	3,998	1,328	85,220	18,254	103,474
1947									
August	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753	9,848
September	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374	7,548
October	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430	7,432
November	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608	8,363
December	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184	6,924
1948									
January	3,600	99	4,417	1,197	166	49	8,183	1,345	9,528
February	5,953	294	4,049	1,271	528	224	10,530	1,789	12,319
March	3,446	297	3,843	1,144	147	214	7,436	1,655	9,091
April	1,386	112	3,906	1,171	115	43	5,407	1,326	6,733
May	1,005	69	5,300	1,543	1,434	263	7,739	1,875	9,614
June	743	37	4,044	1,097	97	36	4,884	1,170	6,054
July (a)	790	68	6,288	1,691	816	240	7,894	1,999	9,893
August (a)	546	54	3,984	1,058	89	21	4,619	1,133	5,752

DISCONTINUANCES.

Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947-48	31,538	1,494	53,785	15,244	3,731	1,102	89,054	17,840	106,894
1947									
August	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677	10,857
September	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384	8,215
October	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388	8,312
November	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730	9,342
December	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173	5,428
1948									
January	2,885	73	4,508	1,340	798	81	8,191	1,494	9,685
February	4,176	194	3,821	1,081	447	39	8,444	1,314	9,758
March	3,075	177	3,937	1,124	189	232	7,201	1,533	8,734
April	4,585	308	3,856	1,126	155	206	8,596	1,640	10,236
May	2,081	97	5,083	1,538	690	125	7,854	1,760	9,614
June	971	57	4,034	1,151	649	99	5,654	1,307	6,961
July (a)	1,266	71	5,846	1,664	632	167	7,744	1,902	9,646
August (a)	569	50	4,084	1,115	419	132	5,072	1,297	6,369

PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.

1946 - June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
1947 - June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
August	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406
September	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082	14,739
October	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124	13,859
November	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002	12,880
December	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013	14,376
1948									
January	4,073	144	7,015	2,308	267	412	11,355	2,864	14,219
February	5,850	244	7,243	2,498	348	597	13,441	3,339	16,780
March	6,221	364	7,149	2,518	306	579	13,676	3,461	17,137
April	3,022	168	7,199	2,563	266	416	10,487	3,147	13,634
May	1,946	140	7,416	2,568	1,010	556	10,372	3,264	13,636
June	1,718	120	7,426	2,514	458	491	9,602	3,125	12,727
July (a)	1,242	117	7,868	2,541	642	564	9,752	3,222	12,974
August (a)	1,219	121	7,768	2,484	312	453	9,299	3,058	12,357

(a) Subject to revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during August, 1948 and the two months ended August, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	Persons							
	August, 1948				Two Months ended August, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	90	599	17	706	213	1,342	57	1,612
1 and under 2	136	883	30	1,049	349	1,935	74	2,358
2 " " 3	72	846	33	951	216	1,775	265	2,256
3 " " 4	68	640	26	734	168	1,379	81	1,628
4 " " 5	40	504	111	655	113	1,056	129	1,298
5 " " 9	109	1,039	314	1,462	299	2,446	591	3,336
9 " " 13	33	518	26	577	122	1,174	70	1,366
13 " " 27	70	505	23	598	292	1,125	54	1,471
27 and over	49	197	14	260	184	477	29	690
TOTAL :	667	5,731	594	6,992	1,956	12,709	1,350	16,015

The following table shows, for discontinuances notified during August, 1948, and the two months ended August, 1948, the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefits	August, 1948.				Two months ended August, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	7.35	3.44	2.36	3.71	9.41	3.75	2.15	4.31
13 " "	17.84	12.24	6.23	12.27	24.34	12.60	6.15	13.49
9 " "	22.79	21.28	10.61	20.52	30.57	21.84	11.33	22.02
5 " "	39.13	39.41	63.46	41.43	45.86	41.09	55.11	42.85
4 " "	45.13	48.20	82.15	50.80	51.63	49.40	64.67	50.96
3 " "	55.32	59.37	86.53	61.30	60.22	60.25	70.67	61.12
2 " "	66.12	74.14	92.08	74.90	71.26	74.22	90.29	75.21
1 " "	86.50	89.54	97.14	89.90	89.11	89.44	95.77	89.93
Less than 1	13.50	10.46	2.86	10.10	10.89	10.56	4.23	10.07

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reason for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during August, 1948, and the two months ended August, 1948, are shown below:-

V. REASONS FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Reasons for Cessation	August, 1948.				Two Months ended August, 1948			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	376	56.38	3,692	64.42	1,162	59.40	8,102	63.75
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,390	24.25	-	-	3,175	24.99
Failure to report (a)	207	31.03	211	3.68	583	29.81	381	3.00
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	30	4.48	31	0.54	84	4.29	70	0.55
Statutory age limit (b)	3	0.45	14	0.24	9	0.46	24	0.19
Permanent incapacity (c)	13	1.95	151	2.63	31	1.58	410	3.23
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	-	-	5	0.09	-	-	10	0.07
Death	-	-	78	1.36	1	0.06	188	1.48
Transfer to another district	17	2.56	75	1.34	31	1.58	161	1.26
Other	21	3.15	84	1.45	55	2.82	188	1.48
TOTAL :	667	100.00	5,731	100.00	1,956	100.00	12,709	100.00

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pension. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pension.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF AUGUST, 1948.

Total Persons (i) Proportion per 10,000 in employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 28th August, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 47 per 10,000 comprising 5 unemployment, 39 sickness and 3 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH AUGUST, 1948, PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. of benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	Per 10,000 males	6	40	2	48
Females	Per 10,000 females	2	35	6	43
Persons	Per 10,000 persons	5	39	3	47

(ii) State Totals : The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 28th August, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH AUGUST, 1948 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	247	45	3,019	906	91	152	3,357	1,103	4,460
Victoria	40	3	1,826	797	111	121	1,977	921	2,898
Queensland	702	64	1,151	297	46	70	1,899	431	2,330
S. Aust. (b)	17	1	816	196	18	29	851	226	1,077
W. Australia	178	7	581	196	28	40	787	243	1,030
Tasmania	35	1	375	92	18	41	428	134	562
Total 28th August, 1948	1,219	121	7,768	2,484	312	453	9,299	3,058	12,357
Total 30th August, 1947	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092	15,406

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages. Distribution of persons on benefit at 28th August, 1948 according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH AUGUST, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Grouped Age (as at 31st December, 1948.)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	26	25	421	455	7	27	454	507	961
20 - 24 years	84	44	847	596	13	32	944	672	1,616
25 - 29 years	110	18	678	282	21	35	809	335	1,144
30 - 34 years	93	11	603	223	17	34	713	268	981
35 - 39 years	103	5	631	203	16	63	750	271	1,021
40 - 44 years	120	9	742	173	16	52	878	234	1,112
45 - 49 years	114	3	849	239	8	88	971	330	1,301
50 - 54 years	131	3	862	181	5	56	998	240	1,238
55 - 59 years	167	3	1,050	124	4	48	1,221	175	1,396
60 years and over	271	-	1,085	8	205	18	1,561	26	1,587
TOTAL:	1,219	121	7,768	2,484	312	453	9,299	3,058	12,357

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF AUGUST, 1948.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reason for termination of employment, as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during August, 1948, and the two months ended August, 1948, and by those who were on benefit at 28th August, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED ETC. DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	August, 1948.		Two Months ended August, 1948		28th August, 1948.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Discharged or Laid-off -						
Disciplinary reasons	3	-	7	-	12	-
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	50	2	109	7	74	6
Power rationing	-	-	1	-	5	2
Shortage of materials	24	5	73	11	79	12
Strikes and Lock-outs	43	-	47	3	93	3
Seasonal Work	27	-	81	1	86	6
Casual Work	137	-	293	5	229	5
Other including inadequately defined	126	17	314	40	303	34
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	93	18	243	33	209	37
Other quits, including inadequately defined	54	11	125	14	75	11
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	9	-	26	1	34	-
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	3	-	8	-	13	-
Other	2	5	9	7	7	5
TOTAL :	571	58	1,336	122	1,219	121

(ii) Industrial Groups : The following statement shows the distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during August, 1948, and the two months ended August, 1948, and of those on benefit at 28th August, 1948.

X. UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING AUGUST, 1948, AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admissions during				On benefit	
	August, 1948.		Two Months ended August, 1948.		28th August, 1948.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	57	-	130	-	128	3
Other Primary Production	7	-	20	-	17	-
Coal Mining	6	-	17	-	40	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	9	-	25	-	27	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	85	-	147	1	107	3
Vehicles, including aircraft	9	1	28	1	25	1
Textiles and articles of dress	6	12	19	22	15	21
Food, drink and tobacco	40	6	99	8	126	16
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	16	-	43	-	24	-
Other factories, including heat, light and power	19	1	63	3	64	3
Building and Construction	89	-	224	-	145	-
Transport and Communication	28	1	86	7	113	5
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	94	9	195	19	141	16
Finance and Property	8	-	11	-	12	-
Public Administration and Professional	52	5	108	9	119	7
Personal and Domestic Service	42	19	105	46	96	42
Other	4	4	16	6	20	4
TOTAL :	571	58	1,336	122	1,219	121

(iii) Males on Benefit: Distribution by States of Males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 28th August, 1948, in the main industrial groups, is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 28TH AUGUST, 1948.

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairying	38	4	69	1	11	5	128
Other Primary Production	2	-	12	-	3	-	17
Coal Mining	8	-	30	-	-	2	40
Other Mining and Quarrying	1	-	19	-	6	1	27
Factories and Industrial -							
Founding, Engineering, Metal-working							
including shipbuilding	64	2	29	3	8	1	107
Vehicles, including Aircraft	3	-	16	1	5	-	25
Textiles, and Articles of Dress	6	2	4	-	2	1	15
Food, drink and tobacco	2	4	114	-	4	2	126
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	3	1	15	-	3	2	24
Other factories, including heat							
light and power	19	3	20	3	13	1	64
Building and construction	27	2	90	2	19	5	145
Transport and Communication	13	6	77	-	13	4	113
Commerce and Finance -							
Wholesale and Retail Trade	19	7	80	3	29	3	141
Finance and Property	-	-	5	1	5	1	12
Public Administration and Professional	20	3	65	2	26	3	119
Personal and Domestic Service	17	6	43	-	22	3	96
Other	5	-	9	1	4	1	20
<u>TOTAL 28TH AUGUST, 1948:</u>	247	40	702	17	173	35	1,219
<u>TOTAL 30TH AUGUST, 1947:</u>	1,124	271	2,080	35	594	55	4,209

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iv) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the two months ended August, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 28th August, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the two Months ended August, 1948.				On Benefit at 28th August, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	59	5	238	30	56	7	191	38
Victoria	15	5	55	3	7	3	33	-
Queensland	261	20	437	46	237	19	415	45
South Australia (c)	13	1	2	-	17	1	-	-
Western Australia	135	3	38	8	153	2	20	5
Tasmania	13	1	10	-	22	1	13	-
<u>TOTAL :</u>	556	35	780	87	547	33	672	88

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Department of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide, and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF AUGUST, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefit claims whose admission was notified during the two months ended August, 1948, and those current at 28th August, 1948 are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during the two Months ended August, 1948.				On Benefit at 28th August, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	2,292	801	1,601	275	1,720	648	1,299	258
Victoria	1,644	612	548	151	1,280	612	546	185
Queensland	733	221	871	129	604	205	547	92
South Australia (c)	1,003	216	168	22	707	180	109	16
Western Australia	628	189	349	47	385	161	196	35
Tasmania	195	42	240	44	185	51	190	41
TOTAL :	6,495	2,081	3,777	668	4,881	1,857	2,887	627

(a) See Footnote (a) to Table XII. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups of persons on sickness benefit at 28th August, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. SICKNESS INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 28TH AUGUST, 1948.

AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	609	14	623
Other Primary Production	192	1	193
Coal Mining	213	-	213
Other Mining and Quarrying	133	1	134
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metal-working, including shipbuilding	1,136	124	1,260
Vehicles, including aircraft	361	19	380
Textiles and articles of dress	266	433	699
Food, drink and tobacco	488	127	615
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	307	19	326
Other factories, including heat, light and power	745	153	898
Building and Construction	1,174	-	1,174
Transport and Communication	711	69	780
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	730	430	1,160
Finance and property	52	42	94
Public Administration and Professional	238	435	673
Personal and Domestic Service	379	611	990
Other	34	6	40
TOTAL :	7,768	2,484	10,252

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during August, 1948, and the two months ended August, 1948 and of those on benefit at 28th August, 1948.

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING AUGUST, 1948 AND THE TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admissions during				On Benefit	
	August, 1948.		Two Months ended August, 1948.		28th August, 1948	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	547	168	1,219	346	465	204
Cancer	17	6	42	11	60	16
Other Tumours	33	24	76	45	69	58
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	271	68	547	151	546	210
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	22	15	48	34	53	35
Nervous System and Sense Organs	408	148	844	310	775	316
Circulatory System	400	60	796	120	873	167
Respiratory System	625	156	1,384	342	849	236
Digestive System	991	234	1,990	509	1,423	330
Genito-Urinary System	158	100	353	206	310	231
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	106	-	222	-	242
Skin and Cellular Tissue	263	53	521	110	290	66
Bones and Organs of Movement	113	28	262	59	212	72
Other Diseases (including ill-defined conditions)	69	42	141	80	120	87
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	486	50	1,038	97	1,169	124
Other Injuries, etc.	452	48	956	94	494	67
Operations (original disability not stated)	18	-	29	2	42	14
Other (Including not stated)	12	6	26	11	18	9
TOTAL :	4,885	1,312	10,272	2,749	7,768	2,484

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the two months ended August, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below:-

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - TWO MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1948.
STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.									%-
(a)	561	229	5,687	718	225	41	6,473	988	15.3
Vic.	113	35	3,430	475	877	72	4,420	582	13.2
Q'ld.	1,397	633	2,308	354	103	34	3,808	1,021	26.8
S.A. (b)	39	18	1,717	308	55	18	1,811	344	19.0
W.A.	361	127	1,438	225	49	10	1,848	362	19.6
Tasmania	33	4	593	72	37	5	663	81	12.2
TOTAL:	2,504	1,046	15,173	2,152	1,346	180	19,023	3,378	17.8

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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